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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I believe that in America, competition is an engine for progress and creativity. The FCC is the agency commissioned to ensure a fair and competitive playing field for the communications industries of the USA.

The consolidation of broadband providers in the US is greatly concerning to me. I live in a market where there is still a choice, but many Americans don't have a choice. I get a better deal from a local, independent broadband provider than I would from one of the national providers. I get both broadband internet and telephone service at a much more affordable rate, with fewer strings attached.

Please maintain a fair and level playing field -- do not stifle competition by hurting small outfits like Sonic.

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